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SUBJECT: LABOR: PRINTER'S UNION ATHENS AREA RETRACTS STRIKE CALL

1. PRINTER'S UNION ATHENS WHOSE MEMBERS SERVICE ALL NEWSPAPERS THIS METROPOLITAN AREA ISSUED STRIKE CALL TO ITS MEMBERSHIP EARLY EVENING JANUARY 3. EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTS THAT SHORT TIME LATER MEMBERS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD UNION WERE CALLED IN AND DETAINED BY POLICE ON GROUNDS THAT UNION ACTION WAS REPORTEDLY IN VIOLATION OF LAW, SINCE CERTAIN PRE-CONDITIONS FOR STRIKE CALL NOT MET (I.E. NO NOTICE GIVEN TO EMPLOYERS AND AUTHORITIES). FEW HOURS LATER, PRINTERS MEMBERSHIP ORDERED BY UNION OFFICIALS TO REPORT TO WORK. BASIC CAUSE OF STRIKE WAS ALLEGED BELIEF OF PRINTERS THEY BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY BY GOG IN THAT PROMISED REINSTITUTION OF PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED (UP TO 1968) SPECIAL TAX EXEMPTION NOT IMPLEMENTED BY NEWLY-PUBLISHED TAXATION LAW.

2. COMMENT: SPEEDY POLICE RESPONSE TO THREATENED STRIKE PROBABLY REFLECTS SPECIAL SENSITIVITY OF REGIME TO ANY MANIFESTATIONS OF UNREST IN LABOR SECTOR. FACT THAT PRINTER'S STRIKE WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN HIGHLY VISIBLE BUT ALSO DISRUPTIVE TO GENERAL PUBLIC UNDOUBTEDLY CONSTITUTED EXTRA ADDED SPUR FOR REGIME TO DEAL WITH ISSUE SPEEDILY.

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